

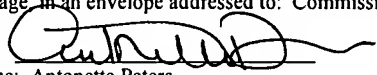


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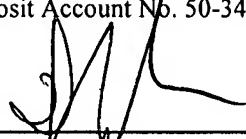
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. Please note that the reference JP 62-110580 was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 22, 2005.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the corresponding English language publications of some non-English language documents or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

JP 2001-518858 corresponds to WO 98/45161

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

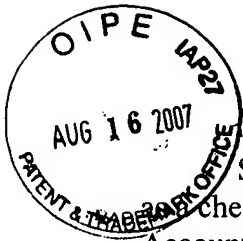
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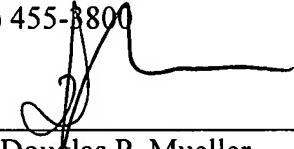
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2001-518858	10/2001	Japan			Abstract / See IDS	
	WO 98/45161	10/1998	WIPO				
	JP 53-151007	11/1978	Japan				X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Japanese Office Action from the corresponding JP 2004-546418, mailed August 7, 2007.

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